

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

The Warren County Council met for their first meeting of April 2020.

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Lee Kay; Teleconference: Matt Commons, Sharon Hutchison, Ethan Foxworthy, Neil Ellis and Lee Kay.

Also, in attendance: Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Commissioner, Brian Jordan; Commissioner Clay Andrews; EMA Director, Phil Astell.

Public: No Public in Attendance.


1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Matt Commons requested LEDO position expansion to be added. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second of Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - b. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
 - c. LEDO position expansion – Jordan explained the Commissioners have discussed the Director position being a full position but this will require more funding from the County. Currently the budget for the LEDO is \$60,000 from the Economic Development Fund. The amount that is being considered is \$90,000 to \$100,000 County funding. Economic Development funding to LEDO was discussed as were the budgets for many other counties. Jordan and Andrews explained that Ben Dispenett, LEDO Director, will present information in a coming meeting with the Council. This was tabled until a later meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. County Job Classification and Compensation Study – Ellis explained his discussion with Jay County which began using the study 3 years ago with high recommendations. Foxworthy explained his discussion with Owen County which also had high recommendations. Kay explained her discussion with Henry County which also had high recommendations. All Counties discussed had new job descriptions, job classifications, pay adjustments, etc. This was tabled until a later meeting.
5. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Weston-Hubner explained the MVH funding drop due the COVID-19 stay at home restricting gas usage. The State is estimating the drop to be approximately 40% for May and June. Jordan explained the Commissioners are working with the Highway to reduce spending in the event there is a drop in funding.
 - b. Hutchison inquired about the COVID-19 funding. Weston-Hubner explained the funds are being separated and tracked according to SBOA suggestions. Astell stated he is in the process of applying for reimbursement.
 - c. Kay expressed her appreciation of the EMA and Health Department during the COVID-19 crisis.

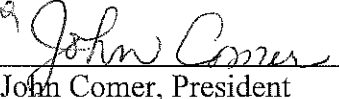
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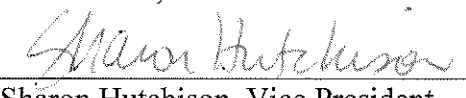
The next County Council meeting will be May 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

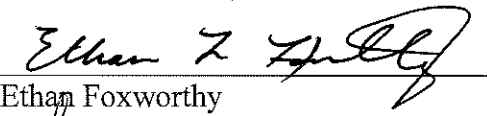
There being no further business, George Taylor made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matt Commons.

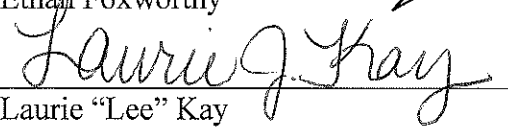
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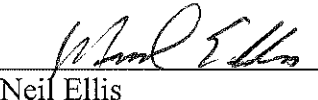
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 Robin Weston-Hubner

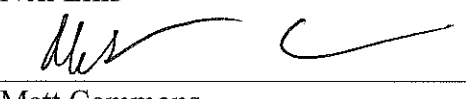

 John Comer, President

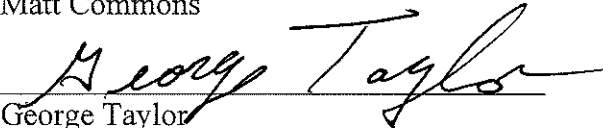

 Sharon Hutchison, Vice President


 Ethan Foxworthy


 Laurie "Lee" Kay


 Neil Ellis


 Matt Commons


 George Taylor